

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-335141, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,617,249. Applicants note that the Japanese document was previously cited on the Information Disclosure Statement on August 3, 2004;

(3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-344280. Applicants note that the Japanese document was previously cited on the Information Disclosure Statement on August 3, 2004; and

(4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-77013, which was published on November 22, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same, an English language translation of selected portions of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,812,473.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the document (4) is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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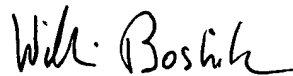
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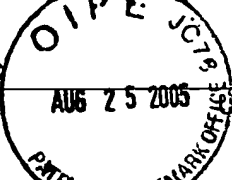
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	English language Abstract of JP 2001-77013.
	2	English language Abstract of JP 10-126160.
	3	English language Abstract of JP 2002-335141.
	4	English language Abstract of JP 2002-344280.

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